

Gainesville Daily Sun.

VOL. XXV, NO. 144

GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA, SUNDAY, JULY 26, 1908

TEN CENTS A WEEK

3 KILLED, 50 INJURED

An Awful Elec'r'c Storm Sweeps Camp of Soldiers.

FIELD HOSPITAL IS CROWDED

Unprecedented Storm of Lightning and Wind Strikes the Encampment of the Pennsylvania National Guard With Awful Results.

Gettysburg, Pa., July 25.—In an all-night search throughout Camp Hays, where the 10,000 men of the national guard of Pennsylvania have been in camp for a week and which was on Thursday night visited by a terrific electrical and windstorm, shows that three soldiers were struck dead by lightning and that nearly a half hundred other persons were injured.

Those killed were:

Corporal O. Milton Garver, company C, Tenth regiment, Uniontown.

James A. Barbe, company K, Tenth regiment, Waynesburg.

Private Clyde Morrison, company D, Sixteenth regiment.

The dead were members of the second brigade.

The cots of the hospital tents are filled with the injured, some of whom are women and children who had been visiting the camp.

Governor's Tent Blown Down.

The tent which Governor Sturart had been occupying during the week's encampment was blown down by the terrific wind and the governor and his guests were buried under the canvas. With the governor were Charles B. Mann, of the state railroad commission; Colonel Gould, of the first regiment, Philadelphia, and Captain P. H. Wheeler, formerly of the first regiment. In the tent adjoining that of the governor, were the sisters of Governor Stuart, Miss Cora Stuart, of Harrisburg, and Mrs. Lechler, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Charles B. Mann, of Philadelphia.

It was with the greatest difficulty that the tent they occupied was kept from collapsing. The tall iron flag-staff in front of the tents of Governor Stuart and General Wiley was struck by lightning, stunning several members of the governor's staff.

Barbe was sitting in his tent with another soldier when he was enveloped in a blue flame following a terrific crash and he fell dead. The other soldier, Paul Neels, was only stunned by the bolt.

In the case of those killed, the new army puttees furnished just before the men went into camp, were torn from their limbs, the steel rib being exposed. Some of the officers believe the steel attracted the lightning.

Storm Came Suddenly.

The storm broke suddenly. The wind blew with almost cyclonic force, the rain came down in torrents and the lightning was the most severe here in years. Although the hour was late, the camp still contained many visitors.

The second brigade is situated in the lowest field of the camp ground and every company street was soon a running stream. Everywhere tents were collapsing and lightning bolts were striking in many places. For a time utter confusion reigned, but as the storm passed off, the commanders of the several regiments in the second brigade brought about order and began a systematic search for injured guardmen. As rapidly as they were found they were removed to the hospital tent and given medical attention.

The trolley line between the camp ground and the town was put out of service by the storm, and many of the visitors were compelled to spend the night in the Y. M. C. A. tent. Among them were women and children, who almost went into hysterics during the height of the furious storm.

300 Tents Were Blown Down.

More than 300 tents were blown down. Of the 90 tents of Battery G but eight remained standing.

Garver was with friends in the guard tent when he was killed. The bolt threw his companions in a heap, severely shocking all of them. Then it shot along the ground thirty feet to the tent of Morrison, wrenching the

tent and stunning Morrison, Christler and their wives. It tore Christler's coat into shreds and twisted his horn into a shapeless mass. An instant later fifty yards away, another bolt struck Barbe, killing him instantly. Private Morrison was standing at the hospital tent when he was struck. There were seven or eight patients in it, sufferers from the heat. During a storm Tuesday night Lieutenant Paul K. Morley, of the first regiment, was killed by lightning while on regimental duty.

A GAMBLER'S VENDETTA.

Mysterious Persons After this Sporting Element in Chicago.

Chicago, Ill., July 25.—Bomb No. 18 in the gamblers' vendetta series was exploded Thursday night in the rear of James J. Corbett's saloon, 286 State street.

The bomb was placed under the saloon in the rear of the basement which is used as a storeroom. Planks two inches thick were torn from the walls and several hundred dollars' worth of bottled beer goods that had been stored in the basement was broken.

The explosion caused excitement among the guests of the Strauss hotel above the saloon. The bomb had been placed on top of a jug and when it exploded, pieces of the jug were blown into the walls of the building.

Two rooms of the hotel are said to have been used for a poker game, and the bomb evidently was directed toward the keepers of the gambling house as Corbett is not interested in the hotel.

The explosion was the third similar attempt that had been made against the gamblers in a month.

The police never have been able to find the persons responsible for the outrages.

CONSUL CORRECTS REPORT.

No Likelihood of War Between Honduras and Nicaragua.

Mobile, Ala., July 25.—According to advices received here from Spanish Honduras by Hon. Ernesto Fletes, consul from that country to this port, there is now no insurrection in his country nor is there any likelihood of there being any war between Honduras and Nicaragua.

Consul Fletes declares that all the talk about war between the two countries is a conjecture of some one's brain and that it has no reality in fact. Speaking of the matter, he exhibited a dispatch from the minister of the interior of Honduras, Mr. E. C. Fialla, which was dated July 14. He explained that this dispatch had come via Porto Cortes and from thence by steamship to this port, hence its statement that there was a revolution in Gracias and Choluteca, which towns were occupied by the insurgents.

FREAK OF ALLEGED MANIAC.

Startled Chicago Police by Walking on Telephone Wires.

Chicago, July 25.—A maniac who performed weird gymnastic feats on a telephone pole and walked the wires between poles with the casual air of a man on the street, kept a squad of policemen busy for an hour Friday. A company of firemen finally induced the crazed performer to mount a ladder which, once he was on it, was quickly lowered.

The prisoner proved to be Constantine Bostella, an automobile mechanic, according to his friends, has been a student of aerial navigation, which is thought to account for his having chosen the telephone wires for his performance.

Aeroplane Recovering from Injuries. Lemans, France, July 25.—The report that the condition of Wilbur Wright, the American aeroplaneist, who was recently scalded, was so serious as to necessitate an operation, is unfounded. Mr. Wright is making good progress towards recovery and is able to work continuously on the plans of his aeroplane.

Craft's Slayer Suicides.

Louisville, Ky., July 25.—The body of Philip B. Hane, who shot and killed Arthur W. Craft and badly wounded Mrs. Craft, has been found lying near the highway nearly a mile from St. Matthews, a suburb. Hane had shot himself through the head.

QUEBEC CELEBRATES

Three Hundredth Anniversary of City's Founding.

HISTORIC PAST REPRODUCED

Magnificent Spectacle Witnessed in the Ancient City, at which the Prince of Wales Was the Central Figure—Vice President Fairbanks Present.

Quebec, July 25.—The prince of Wales was the central figure Thursday in the magnificent spectacle reproducing Quebec's historic past and ushering in the three hundredth anniversary of the founding of the city by Champlain.

Aside from the spectacular features of the event it was the occasion for a notable exchange of addresses between Vice President Fairbanks and the prince of Wales, in which each spoke of the existing relations between the United States and Great Britain, and the prince delivered a message of good will to the American government.

An enormous crowd filled the Place



CHAMPLAIN MONUMENT.

des Armes, fronting the Champlain monument, where the exercises were held. Here the prince received the addresses of the American and French representatives, the mayor of Quebec, and finally Champlain himself, reproduced as in the days of old, coming from the mimic reproduction of his original ship, the Don de Dieu, with some 5,000 followers, representing every phase of old France in Canada.

Thursday night the city was ablaze with lights. From the citadel the prince looked across the St. Lawrence at a gigantic display of fireworks on the heights of Louis, showing in fiery outlines the portraits of King Edward, the Falls of Montmorency, and the battle of Wolfe and Montcalm.

Germans Applaud American Singers.

Stuttgart, July 25.—The Brooklyn African Choral society gave a concert Thursday night in Liebenzell, the largest concert hall in Germany, every seat being filled. Each and every number on the program was heartily applauded. Attorney List, of Rottlingen, in behalf of the German Naengerbund, of which he is the president, announced that the Brooklyn African Choral society had become its first American member. The German Naengerbund is composed of all the singing societies of the empire. Herr List handed Dr. Fischer, president of the society, the diploma of membership.

Edmondson Goes to Washington.

Washington, July 25.—Robert Edmondson, of the Galveston (Texas) baseball club, and formerly with the Washington Club, has been signed by Manager Cantillon and will join the club at St. Louis.

WATSON OPENS CAMPAIGN.

Large Audience Hears Populist Candidate in Macon.

Macon, Ga., July 25.—Hon. Thomas E. Watson, populist nominee for president, opened his campaign before a large audience in the Grand opera house Thursday night. He spoke more than two hours, his attention being given largely to the alleged faults and needs of the democratic party in the south, and to an attack on William J. Bryan, the democratic nominee for president.

Mr. Watson asked for Georgia's electoral vote, and said that, if necessary, he would give them to Bryan to defeat Taft.

The house was well filled, the larger number being the voters of the county. Many people came from a distance. Mr. Watson was received at the depot Thursday morning by a large party of friends, and at the Brown House during the day he received numbers of prominent callers. The speaker was introduced by Hon. W. A. Huff in a short, but well chosen address.

In referring to the democratic platform adopted at Denver, Mr. Watson said:

"This Denver platform is not a democratic platform, unless the mere saying of W. J. Bryan constitutes democracy. Judged by the platform of the party from its very foundation, down to the days of Buchanan, it is an insult to historic democracy to call Bryan's patchwork platform a democratic document. What right has he to demand the support of those citizens, who are democratic in principle, upon such a platform as this?"

"The platform upon which I stand represents the democracy of Jefferson and Jackson, applied to modern conditions. Put into law, it would give back to our country the prosperity it enjoyed in the decade preceding the civil war. If the south will follow me in this campaign, revolting against the odious conditions under which she is expected to serve Mr. Bryan, she will at once resume her old place in the sisterhood of sections. She has no importance now, politically, because she has no independence. Being a democratic asset, which can be counted on with certainty, nobody regards her. Let the south become politically uncertain, and she will again become politically great."

A NERVY ROBBER.

Lone Bandit Tries To Hold Up a Train but is Bailed.

Chicago, July 25.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Appleton, Wis., says:

A nerry robber tried to hold up the Ashland and St. Paul northbound train on the Chicago and Northwestern railroad Thursday near Appleton Junction, a mile and a half north of here. The train had just passed the junction when a masked man climbed over the tender into the cab of the engine from the platform of the blind baggage, where he had been hiding.

Revolver in hand, he commanded the engineer, Louis Wendell, to stop his train, uncouple his engine, and run up the track a short distance.

Engineer Wendell, covered as he was by the man's revolver, was about to comply when Gustave Pahl, his fireman, hit the highwayman a heavy blow, knocking the revolver from his hand. Pahl was swinging for another blow when the man jumped from the doorway while the train was running twenty miles an hour.

It is the theory of the trainmen here that there was a large shipment of gold on the train from Chicago to St. Paul and that it was this treasure the man was after. A posse is searching for the highwayman.

Press Convention Adjourns.

Birmingham, Ala., July 25.—The annual convention of the Alabama Press association came to an end on Thursday, officers being elected as follows: President, John C. Lawrence, of Union Springs; vice president, C. G. Fennell, Guntersville; secretary, Jacob Pepperman, Montgomery; treasurer, Frank Crickton, of Clanton. Citizens of Bessemer chartered a special train to the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic railroad for a picnic, starting Friday morning from Bessemer, Ala., and to the sea.

DISASTER IN TUNNEL

Twenty-Five Workmen Drowned by Subterranean River.

CAUGHT LIKE RATS IN A TRAP

While at Work in the Latchberg Tunnel, Water from Underground Water-course Burst Forth and Swept Them to Death.

Berne, Switzerland, July 25.—There was a frightful accident early Friday morning in the Latchberg tunnel, in the Bernese Alps, which resulted in the death of twenty-five workmen.

The men were drilling inside the tunnel. Without warning their tools pierced the wall that separated them from a subterranean river or lake, the existence of which was not known.

Then the wall gave way with a crash and a torrent of water and mud rushed into the tunnel and killed it.

All of the workmen were drowned. They were Italians.

ALABAMA WILL GET \$140,000.

This Sum Will Come from Assessment of Intangible Franchises.

Montgomery, Ala., July 25.—The new law providing for assessment of intangible franchises will yield the state of Alabama the magnificent sum of \$140,000. In exact figures last year the tax was \$159,338, and it will be fully as much this year. The same amount that goes to the state will be received by the counties, as the counties, as a rule, assess about the same as the state. The total valuation last year was \$21,881,893, and it will be about the same this year.

This revenue is in addition to the tangible assessments, and until the 1907 session of the legislature was not collected at all. It will, like other sources of revenue, grow bigger as it grows older, until in a few years it will yield way up toward a million dollars. Taking the counties and state together, its return on last year's assessment will be \$276,656.

TO RE-TRY OIL CASE.

Combine Cannot Escape Raps of the Big Stick.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., July 25.—President Roosevelt has announced in unmistakable terms the determination of the administration to proceed with the prosecution of the Standard Oil case despite the decision adverse to the government, handed down by the United States circuit court of appeals Wednesday.

This decision, the president thinks, in no way affects the merits of the case, and he makes known his decision to cause the action to be brought again before the courts, in such shape, if possible, as to prevent technicalities interfering with a decision based upon the actual issues involved.

It is said the president has directed the attorney general to immediately take steps for the retrial of the case.

Man Stripped Into Jail.

Mobile, Ala., July 25.—A Gulfport, Miss., special says that Will Busby, a negro ice man, who, when the sheriff's officers were trailing him with dogs to arrest him for deadly assault on another black with a shotgun, ran straight into the doors of the city jail for refuge, was bound over in the sum of \$100 and a mittimus issued for his transfer into the county jail. Busby was enraged by the appointment of another negro to drive his wagon and sought the life of his successor in revenge.

Body Found in River.

Hawkinsville, Ga., July 25.—The body of E. C. Cox, commonly known as "Lima Cox," was found in the river lodged against a log just below the cotton factory here. He disappeared from home Sunday, and no trace of him could be found until discovered in the river. The coroner held an inquest, but no evidence showed the cause of his death, except a scar over the eye, and this was very slight. He was married, but had no children.